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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re the Application of: **OKUDA, Takeshi et al.**

Group Art Unit: 1648

Serial No.: 09/901,572

Examiner: **Zachariah Lucas**

Filed: **July 11, 2001**

P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 4818

For: **MODIFIED DNA MOLECULE, RECOMBINANT CONTAINING THE MOLECULE, AND USE THEREOF**

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 19, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **October 20, 2003**, extended to **April 20, 2004**, by a three-month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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